Forest Land-Raigad

Diversion of 63.3581 ha. of Forest land in favour of GAIL (India) Ltd., Raigad for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing SPCL-IPCL near tower 64 to GAIL Usar Substation required for upcoming 500 KTPA PDH-PP Plant in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.FLD-1323/C.R.246/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:-26.03.2025.

Reference:-

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-154572/Thane/1192, Dt.18.07.2023.
2. Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-1323/C.R.246/F-10, dt. 04.09.2023.
3. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-III / MH-57 / 2023-NGP / 12883, dt.15.02.2024.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagapur Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-1544572/Thane/89/2024-25, Dt.15.04.2024.
5. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-III / MH-57 / 2023-NGP / 13164, dt.06.05.2024.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/FCA/S2/PID-154572/Thane/2023-24/838, dt.06.07.2024.
7. Collector, Raigad Certificate No.RB/LND/A-03/VANHAKKA/R.No.10/2024, dt.07.02.2025.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 63.3666 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing SPCL-IPCL near tower 64 to GAIL Usar Substation required for upcoming 500 KTPA PDH-PP Plant in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 63.3666 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagapur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 63.3666 ha. of Forest land in favour GAIL (India) Ltd., Raigad for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing SPCL-IPCL near tower 64 to GAIL Usar Substation required for upcoming 500 KTPA PDH-PP Plant in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

AND whereas, the Collector, Raigad has issued certificate under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for 63.3581 ha. forest land, vide letter under reference No.7.

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that out of proposed 63.3666 ha. forest land only 63.3581 ha. forest land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. GAIL (India) Ltd., Raigad, for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing SPCL-IPCL near tower 64 to GAIL Usar Substation required for upcoming 500 KTPA PDH-PP Plant in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. Decision for remaining 0.0085 ha. forest land will be taken separately, after compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 15.02.2024 and dated 06.05.2024 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Rest of the 0.0085 ha. proposed Land shall not be handed over to the User Agency, till further direction of the State Government.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.

4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 15.02.2024 and dated 06.05.2024, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Taluka	Name of Village	Compt. No.	Survey No.	Gut No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Proposal for diversion of 63.3666 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction and laying of 220 KV LILO Transmission online from existing SPCL-IPCL near tower 64 to GAIL Usar Substation required for upcoming 500 KTPA PDH-PP Plant in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra.	Raigad	Alibag	Malyan	--	5C	441	3.2200	Protected Forest
					--	5C/1A/3	443	0.1182	
					--	5K/1A/4	444	0.0061	
					--	5K/1A/5	445	0.0809	
					--	5K/1A/6	446	0.0106	
					--	5K/1A/7	447	0.0717	
					--	30	183	0.2183	Restored Private Forest
					--	30/14	184	0.3051	
					--	30/16	185	0.1481	
					--	30/17, 31/6A	186	0.1366	
					--	30/15	187	0.0394	
					--	30/10	73	0.0846	
					--	30/7	190	0.4440	
					--	31/10	197	0.1530	
					--	30/5(B), 30/4 (B), 30/6	30	0.1454	
					--	30/6	191	0.0284	
2				Valavali	--	--	75	1.2950	Protected Forest
					--	--	72	0.2489	Restored Private Forest
3				Borghar	191 & 192	--	--	8.1025	Reserved Forest
4				Beloshi	191	119	--	1.8025	
5				Bidwagale	183,184 & 186	--	--	10.7275	
6				Mahajane	191	--	--	0.0175	
					--	81/0	295	1.5525	Protected Forest
					--	101/1A	370	1.0760	Restored Private Forest
					--	101/4, 101/5	273	0.1107	
					--	101/7C	283	0.3390	Private Forest (pending on enquiry)
					--	101/6	285	0.0063	Restored Private Forest
					--	107/7K, 2	284	0.1045	Private

					--	109/9	289	0.0300	Forest (pending on enquiry)
					--	82/2A, 101/1A	292	0.1557	Restored Private Forest
					--	101/3A/2	280	0.4865	
					--	101/1B/1A	272	0.1100	Private Forest (pending on enquiry)
					--	82/3	290	0.0050	Restored Private Forest
					--	55	208	0.5730	
					--	55/2	207	0.0558	
7		Raigad	Pen	Shihu	209 & 210	--	--	10.6400	Restored Private Forest
8				Kuhire	--	175/1	378	0.0816	Protected Forest
					--	198/0, 199/0	403	1.2120	Restored Private Forest
					--	186/0, 188/2	386	0.6431	
9		Raigad	Roha	Kadsure	216	--	--	3.5350	Reserved Forest
10				Vani	215	--	--	10.9900	Reserved Forest
					--	25,26,27/1 (Sr. Old) Pingonda 88/89/90)	1 (Old Gut No.321)	0.4615	Finally acquired Private forest
					--	21/1,23/0 (86)	3 (323)	0.3523	
					--	22/2, (85)	8 (328)	0.0344	Private Forest (pending on enquiry)
					--	58/3,59/2 (121)	116 (261)	0.0665	
					--	58/5, 59/3B (121)	117 (262)	0.1657	
					--	53/0, 58/4A, 59/3A (121)	114 (259)	0.1961	
					--	45/2A, 46/12, 47/17, 47/1/B (109)	144 (289)	0.0214	
					--	46/1/4, 47/1/D (109)	142 (287)	0.1388	
					--	45/2B, 46/1/1, 47/1A (109)	147 (292)	0.0180	
					--	22/1 (85)	5 (325)	0.2578	
					---	154/4 (121)	77 (223)	0.0954	
11		Raigad	Roha	Valshet	218	--	--	0.2646	Reserved Forest
					--	164/1 (236)	65	0.5783	Restored Private Forest
12				Varawtane	218	--	--	0.1274	Reserved Forest
					--	136/5,	352	0.6772	Restored

						136/8			Private Forest
					--	163 1+2/K/2	460	0.3022	Private Forest (pending on enquiry)
					--	156 1+2/k, 163 1+2/d	411	0.2234	
					--	136/2A, 136/2B	350	0.0399	
					--	160/6, 1+2/K/3	410	0.2262	
Total Forest Land (in ha.)								**63.3581**	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with Reference No. 202503261746006219. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

GANESH TUKARAM JADHAO

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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Raigad.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Raigad
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.
11. Chief Manager (PDH-PP Project), GAIL (India) Limited, Usar, Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad.
12. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Raigad and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Raigad, are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Chief Manager (PDH-PP Project), GAIL (India) Limited, Usar, Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad, is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each

Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.